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Derek Black (left), graduate student in mechanical engineering, and **Nathan Pfeifer**, 2014 alum, jump away from the rushing water from Tuttle Creek's open gates on Monday. "We heard on the news that they had increased the output, so we thought we'd check it out," Pfeifer said. Tuttle Creek's outflow was 21,500 cubic-feet per second, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

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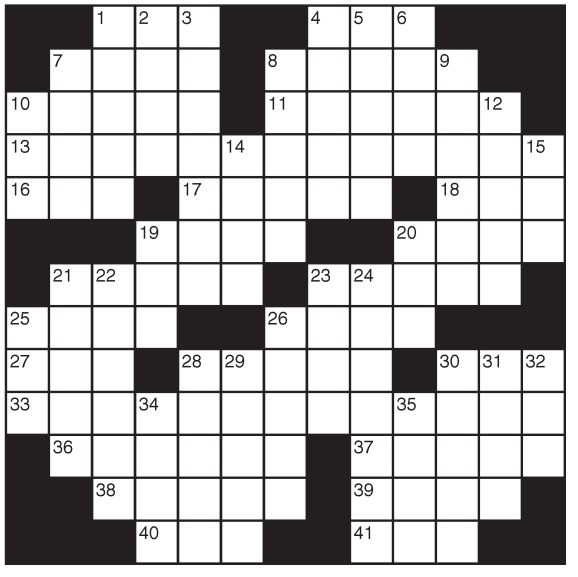
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Celebrating Ramadan in Manhattan

BY JON PARTON
THE COLLEGIAN

The boisterous sounds of children laughing and playing filled the Islamic Center of Manhattan last Saturday evening, as the sun began its descent beneath the horizon. Local Muslim families and community members gathered there to share in the Iftar, a religious observance during the holy month of Ramadan.

Beginning on June 17 this year and ending July 17, Ramadan is considered the time when God is closest to humanity, according to the Muslim faith. It signifies the first time the angel Gabriel revealed the Quran to Muhammad.

During the annual celebration of Ramadan, from sunrise to sunset, Muslims are required to fast and refrain from engaging in sinful behavior, such as smoking, lying and fighting.

"It is meant to make us a modest person," said Haydory Akbar Ahmed, treasurer of the Islamic Center and graduate student in economics. "We eat no food, no water. We make ourselves humble before God."

Ahmed greeted newcomers as they walked inside.

"Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatu Allah Wabarakatoh," he said, a phrase in Arabic meaning, "Peace be upon you and God's mercy and blessings."

He was met with the reply, "Wa alaikum assalam," or "Peace be upon you as well."

The Iftar marks sunset and the end of the day when the faithful are allowed to break their fast.

"During the weekday, people are busy with work and school, so they observe the Iftar at home," Ahmed said. "But during the weekend, we offer a community Iftar for everyone to join."

As more people arrived, activity in the kitchen quickened as volunteers hustled to prepare food for more than 100 people. Tables were filled with various conversations about families, news and even soccer.

Bowls of whole dates, freshly shipped in from Arizona, served as table centerpieces along with freshly brewed Arabic coffee, a light, mild coffee.

Abdullah Asiri, graduate student in special education, is originally from Saudi Arabia. He said the celebration of the Iftar in the states has a different feeling than back home.

"At this time, everywhere you can smell the food," Asiri said. "No one is walking on the street, no one. Everyone is with their family."

Asiri said that at least once a month, extended family would celebrate together.

"Everyone gets together and shares food," Asiri said. "Everyone has to share. It's a time for joking, eating and praying together."



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Mother and daughter **Ranim and May Altamimi** offer their prayers during a Tarawih worship at the Islamic Center of Manhattan on Sept. 8, 2010. A Tarawih is an optional night prayer that Muslims pray during the month of Ramadan.

» "It's a process that allows you to take a break, both physically and mentally. It helps you to appreciate the food a lot more and understand the less fortunate. What we give up is for the Lord, to help bring us closer to the Lord."

Mohammed Al Tamimi,
board of directors, Manhattan Islamic Center

Notice was given over the loudspeaker that the sun had finally set. Asiri began pouring coffee for others at the table as the dates were eaten.

"When Muhammad ended his fasting, he would prefer to eat dates," Asiri said. "It's not something you have to do, but it's traditional."

A light soup made with spinach and corn was also served just before the Maghrib prayer, one of the five daily prayers practiced by Muslims. Members from Bangladesh prepared the cuisine from their home country, offering others a chance to try foods they had never eaten before.

As the call to prayer was made, Asiri hurriedly finished his soup in order to join others who had already left the table.

Separate rows of the faithful formed up in the mosque, side by side, shoulder to shoulder, with no one person edging forward closer than the other. Rich and poor, young and old, it signified that all were equal in front of God.

As prayer ended, a line for food service formed. Mohammed Al Tamimi, of Manhattan, serves as a member of the Islamic Center's board of directors. As he sat down to eat with others, he said that Ramadan reminds Muslims to spend more time thinking about how fortunate they are.

"It's a process that allows you to take a break, both physically and mentally," Al Tamimi said. "It helps you to appreciate the food a lot more and understand the less fortunate. What we give up is for the Lord, to help bring us closer to the Lord."

Al Tamimi said Ramadan is also a time for people to renew themselves spiritually.

"For someone like me who is over 30, it gives us a chance to recharge our souls," he said. "We believe the Lord is close to us during this time."

Al Tamimi, a former smoker, said the passage of Ramadan is what helped him finally quit the habit.

"I used to smoke," he said. "I smoked for 20 years. Why would I do that? I knew it was bad for me. By denying ourselves these things, we learn how to strengthen our souls. We control the body through the mind, which is connected to the soul. It does shake you in a way."

Much as it began, the sound of children playing marked the end of the service. More than an hour after it started, families and friends departed the center, saying their goodbyes, "Assalamu Alaikum. Peace be upon you."

One size fits few: let's rethink clothing sizes



EMILY PETERS
THE COLLEGIAN

Just because it fits doesn't mean you should wear it, and just because you can wear it doesn't mean it fits. We are all built differently, and it's important to feel comfortable in your own skin, which starts with how you see and dress yourself. It's important to see yourself as unique.

You are one of a kind ... not one of a size.

Women and men come in all shapes, sizes and body types. Especially for women, we can see how sizing charts and measurements vary from store to store. I know that when I go shopping, dressing rooms have become sort of like a guessing game. I go into one store and find my correct size and have to completely start over when I go to a different store. Certain brands and designers customize their measurements, which drastically alters the sizes we find on the rack.

What's even more ridiculous is that some stores and brands, for example Brandy Melville, carry clothing that claim "one size fits all." Those clothes are not made for women with a figure or any body shape all. Women sizes 0-4 and occasionally sizes 4-6 often fit into these "one size fits all" brands.

According to an Oct. 14, 2014 Huffington Post article, titled, "Teens Love Brandy Melville, A Fashion Brand That Sells Only One Tiny Size," Brandy Melville's store policy is based around the idea that one size fits all, and in stores and online you will only find sizes small and one size only. Instead of promoting clothes to all young women, Brandy Melville has only one target market: thin, young and beautiful women.

Unintentional or not, this brand of clothing screams fat-shaming and segregation among larger sizes.

Brands like Brandy Melville make some girls feel excluded from a club restricted to "thin only" adolescents and exiling those who don't necessarily make the cut or who don't typically fit the criteria.

BuzzFeed decided to call out one size fits all retailers with its Dec. 3, 2014 article "This Is What 'One Size Fits All' Actually Looks Like On All Body Types." It shows multiple images of five young women with all body types, each trying on the same outfits that claim to fit everyone. After comparing how each one of them looked and felt when trying on each outfit, it's clear that the one size fits all is not only false advertising, but is also harmful to self-esteem.

When young women see a tag that says "one size fits all," they should expect to be satisfied; however, the majority of women are becoming more and more discouraged when they come to find out that these items are not fitting them in the right way.

One size fits all does not actually fit all – it should really say one size fits few. There is a fine line between something fitting and being able to actually wear it.

According to an April 25, 2011 New York Times article, titled, "One Size Fits Nobody: Seeking a Steady 4 or a 10," a woman's self-esteem goes hand in hand with the size on a clothing tag. What we know to be standard sizing in clothing is actually not so standard after all. Clothing brands and designers have altered the measurement scale so drastically that in the clothing industry, there's no set standard sizing chart that applies everywhere.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, more than one-third of U.S. adults are obese. While I do not condone unhealthy lifestyles, clothing stores should alter their sizes so that they can be worn by the majority of people. This says a lot about the U.S. designers and clothing stores should not be advertising these one size fits all clothing items when the majority of these designs typically only fit women of the minority.

Changes need to be made so that these designs fit the average woman, or designers and clothing stores should get rid of one size fits all. There is a reason we have sizing charts, even if they have been modified, because it is physically impossible for one size to fit each and every uniquely designed person.

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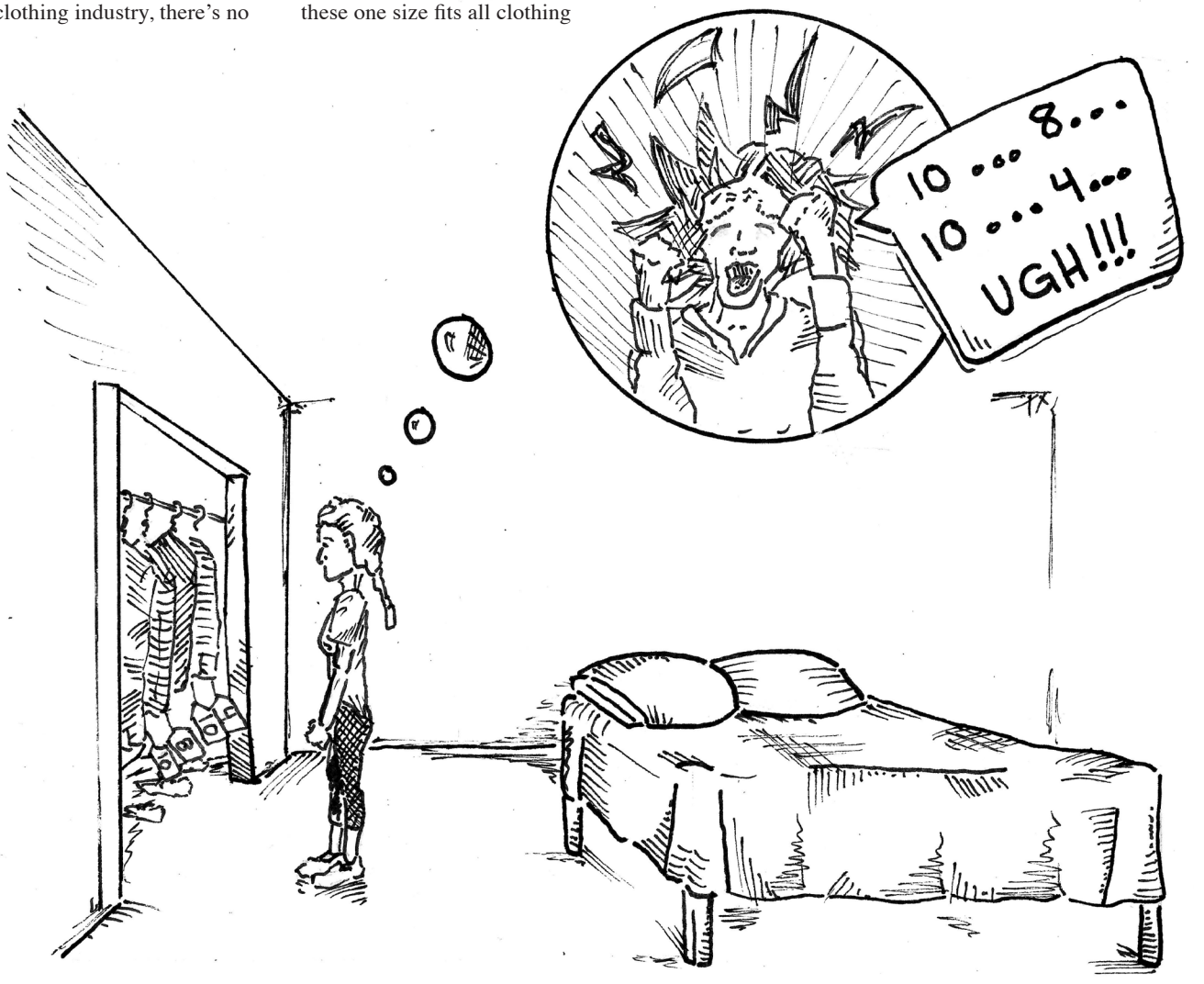


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Race to the White House gets rocky



JONATHAN GREIG
THE COLLEGIAN

A couple weeks ago, the governing board for the Republican Party of Iowa unanimously voted to cancel the long-held Iowa straw poll. Jeff Kaufmann, Iowa GOP Chairman, recently told The Des Moines Register that there was too little interest in the straw poll from presidential contenders. He also mentioned that there were concerns about pushing contenders to compete, potentially jeopardizing Iowa's first-in-the-nation caucuses.

If that thrilling development doesn't get you in the mood for that most magical time – the Presidential election year – I don't know what would. Yes, it is quite nearly upon us now, first officially kicked off by the previously mentioned Iowa caucus, and the corresponding New Hampshire primary.

According to the National Journal, the date of the Iowa caucus is scheduled for Feb. 1 and 2, 2016, while New Hampshire's primary will fall shortly after, on Feb. 9. Don't be surprised if those dates end up being even sooner than that, however, jockeying with other states' events to remain first in line, as Kaufmann would want to remind you.

But does the dismissal of the Iowa straw poll by the major political players signal an impending change to the Iowa caucus and early election cycle as well? And if it doesn't – should it?

Current influence

The results of these first two election cogs has a huge impact on the parties' eventual nominations, and thereafter on the general election as a whole. The most apparent is a concept that I very much wish was less of a factor in our elections – momentum. Mark Mellman of the LA Times in his Jan. 5, 2012 article, "Iowa and New Hampshire: It's win one or go home," describes that this momentum forms from "two V's: visibility and viability, both of which attract cash to a campaign. Historically, Iowa and New Hampshire account for about half the news media coverage of the entire primary season, with the winners absorbing the lion's share of the attention."

This potential boom-or-bust develops political strategy for candidates – often leading to impositions of somewhat-capricious results on whether to continue their campaign or abandon it. If I don't get a top-three finish in New Hampshire, I'm shutting it down, maybe to try again in four years. Fair Vote's Jan. 10, 2012 article, "Democracy Lost: the Iowa Caucus, the New Hampshire Primary, and the Shortchanging of American Presidential Politics," details how big a role these two states have in winnowing the nomination field for the rest of the country, and the vast history of short-lived campaigns lain to rest by these early results.

Misrepresentation

This huge amount of influence for Iowa and New Hampshire voters is – to put it mildly – questionable. Shani Hilton of Color Lines explores some of these reasons in her Dec. 15, 2011 article, "Why (Very White) Iowa and New Hampshire Mean So Much in Politics," citing that nearly 94 percent of New Hampshire is white, with Iowa at 91 percent, "high rates of home ownership, and low rates of poverty." She quotes Thomas Schaller, a University of Maryland professor of political science as saying that "the prominence and first-in-nation position of Iowa and New Hampshire do elevate white primary voters over non-white ones, and in both parties."

So why is the burden (and influence) of weeding out the real contenders for the presidency placed in the hands of these two smaller states with misrepresentative populations for the rest of the country? Isn't there a better solution?

Alternatives

A not-too-revolutionary solution would be to simply pick better states, as in: more representative, bigger populations, potentially key swing states. Other states (looking at you Florida) have already tried to simply move their primaries or caucuses earlier on the calendar, jumping Iowa and New Hampshire, but to no avail. Each time they move up, Iowa and New Hampshire just move up as well, with the support of the party establishments to keep the status-quo intact, which has only served to further stretch out the election process. Which brings me to my next, better, alternative:

Shorten the election cycle. Our friends in England have a similar general election, except that it lasts for a mere four weeks, instead of ours that seem to last the entire four years to the next one. Shorter elections in this country might lead to more policy-based elections.

Instead of 24-hour news outlets having to fill their schedules yelling at each other about the minutia of each candidate's personal lives and bus tours, we would have to focus our attention on the candidates' platform and credentials.

Instead of having time for state-by-state pandering tours, elections would hold a more unified, national focus. Our field of contenders wouldn't be so sharply shaped by the candidates' positions on ethanol, or whatever it is New Hampshire cares about ... syrup imports I would guess. Shorter elections would cluster more caucuses and primaries together, lessening any disproportionate impact that the first ones have.

Let's have our country's leaders spend less time running for office, and more time leading. Let's breathe new life into our elections and stop exhausting ourselves trying to rip through a marathon at a sprinter's pace. Let's find the right race, and shorten the run.

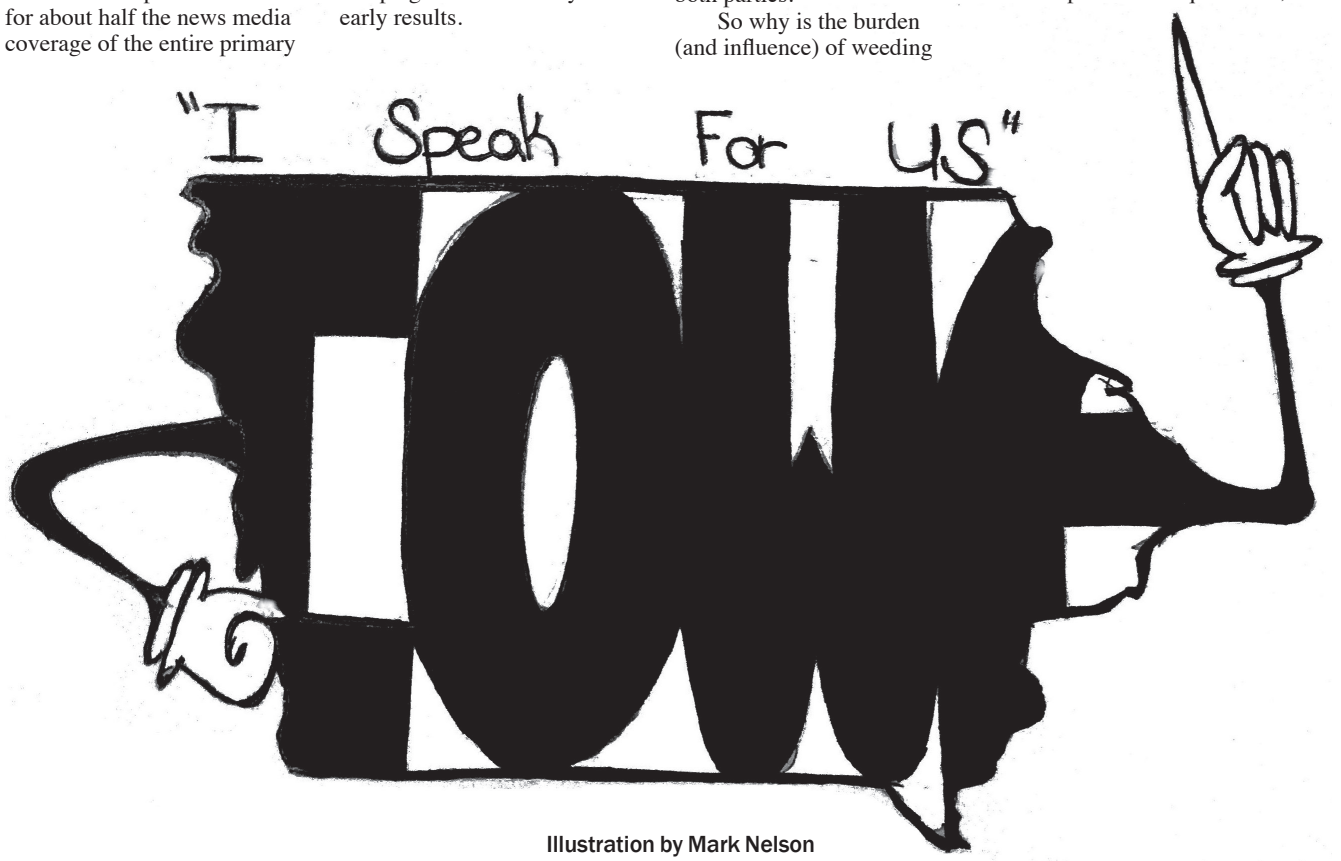


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Whitehair, Barnett headline K-State's 28 preseason honors

BY TIMOTHY EVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN



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Senior defensive back **Dante Barnett** celebrates after forcing a three-and-out on the white team offense in the first half of the Spring Game at Sporting Park in Kansas City, Kansas on April 25.

The yearly preseason accolades for K-State football have started to roll in as different national football magazines have released their best guesses on who will be the top players in both the country and their respective conferences for the 2015 season.

With no Tyler Lockett or B.J. Finney for K-State this season to fill what seemed to be mandatory spots on the All-American and All-Big 12 list, a newer batch of Wildcats (with some old familiar faces) have gained some national attention.

Headlining the honors for this season's team are senior offensive tackle Cody Whitehair and senior safety Dante Barnett. Barnett garnered All-Big 12 consideration from all of the major national college football magazines including Phil Steele, Athlon Sports, Lindy's Sports and Sporting News.

Whitehair received additional honors from Athlon, who named him as K-State's lone preseason All-American while Lindy's ranked him eighth best at his position.

Lindy's also ranked Barnett as the fourth best safety in the country going into the 2015 campaign.

Other standouts include junior fullback Glenn Gronkowski who, in addition to All-Big 12 honors by Phil Steele (first team All-Big 12) and Athlon (second team All-Big 12), was named the ninth-best NFL talent in the Big 12.

While the majority of the 10 Wildcat's earned their spots on the list by their performances in past regular season games, redshirt freshman Dominique Heath found his way on Phil Steele's fourth team All-Big 12 team after a electrifying performance in the 2015 spring game.

Heath put up 374 all purpose yards in the game, which included a 75-yard punt return for a touchdown and a 59-yard kickoff return.

Other K-State players honored included:

- Senior defensive tackle Travis Britz (Athlon second team All-Big 12, Phil Steele fourth team All-Big 12).
- Senior kick returner and corner back Morgan Burns (Athlon and Phil Steele second team All-Big 12 kick returner).
- Senior corner back Danzel McDaniel (Athlon and Lindy's second team All-Big 12, Phil Steele third team All-Big 12).
- Senior offensive lineman Boston Stiverson (Athlon second team All-Big 12, Phil Steele third team All-Big 12).
- Sophomore linebacker Elijah Lee (Athlon and Phil Steele third team All-Big 12).
- Sophomore place kicker Matthew McCrane (Phil Steele second team All-Big 12, Athlon third team All-Big 12).

The Wildcats open the the 2015 season on Sept. 5 when the South Dakota Coyotes come to Manhattan.

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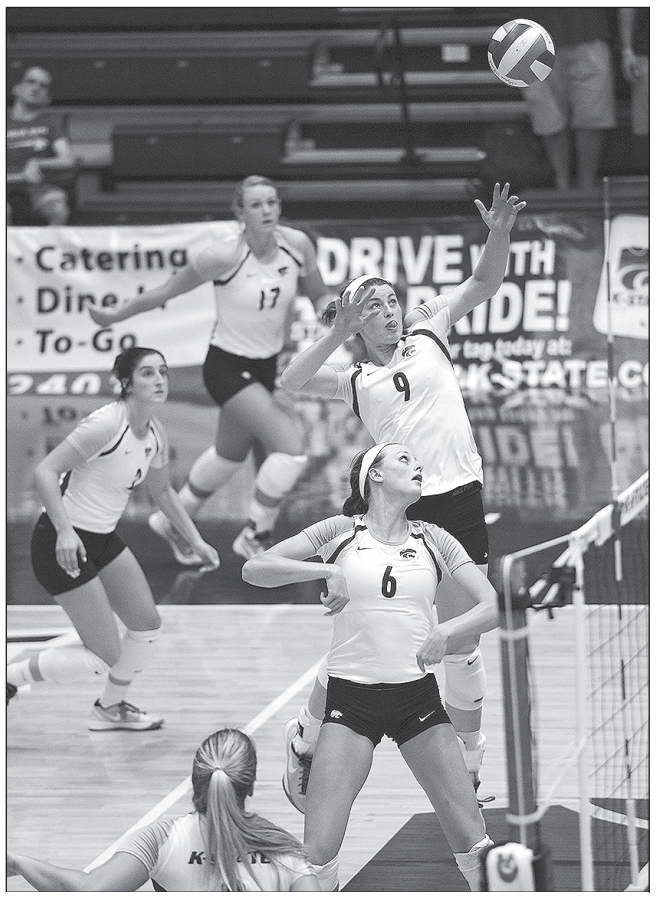
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Sophomore middle blocker **Katie Reininger** spikes the ball during the game against Missouri State on Sept. 8, 2014 at Ahearn Field House. K-State defeated Missouri State 3-2.

Off the Court with volleyball's Katie Reininger

BY TIMOTHY EVERSON
THE COLLEGIAN

The Collegian popped into Ahearn Field House where the K-State volleyball team has been getting re-acclimated to the non-air-conditioned confines during summer workouts. We sat down with junior middle blocker Katie Reininger to get a look at the Colorado native's life off the court.

Q: What is your favorite place to eat at in Manhattan?

Reininger: I don't know if this is my favorite restaurant, but I visit it way too much ... I like to eat at McAlisters. I always get the same things when I go there, and the people there know me very well.

Q: In honor of the new movie "Jurassic World," what is your favorite dinosaur and why?

Reininger: I would have to go with a velociraptor, because they're very fast and – I think – more scary than a T. rex because they can come at you at very fast speeds and eat you up.

Q: What is the last movie you saw?

Reininger: I'm kind of in the middle of a movie – I've paused it a lot because I've been busy – but I've been watching "The Hunt for Red October" right now, so that's kind of a classic. And I watched the beginning of "The Godfather," so I need to finish those two.

Q: What is your favorite TV character and why?

Reininger: Well, as a child growing up I always enjoyed SpongeBob Squarepants, so he's probably my favorite TV character. I still refer to him on a daily basis.

Q: Who would you say is your hero?

Reininger: I'd have to say my parents, but especially my dad. He was basically an Olympic athlete; he rowed for the national team, then he had cancer (and) survived cancer, but unfortunately was no longer able to be on the team. He's my biggest hero for the sacrifices he's made for myself and my family, and his life advice and his motto for how he goes about doing things that I'm currently doing right now.

Q: Favorite sport aside from volleyball?

Reininger: I really like rugby – which sounds weird – and also my boyfriend runs for K-State, so I'm starting to get into the whole track and field thing and I really like it.

Q: Favorite non-sports hobby?

Reininger: Recently, I've gotten in the habit of going out and exploring. Kansas is actually more interesting than a lot of people say it is. It's not flat, there's so many hills. So I've gone out and taken drives, I caught some fireflies the other day so that was fun and I found a turtle on the road so I really like exploring.

Q: Do you have a gameday schedule and, if so, what is it?

Reininger: It's a pretty set schedule. We wake up, we eat breakfast, we lounge around the hotel or around K-State. The we have around an hour warm-up stuff and then after that we eat as a team and then we usually decorate the (mini volleyballs) that we throw out (during pre-game). And finally right before the game, around 30 minutes before we need to be out there, we play music in the locker room and dance which is kind of our pre-game ritual.

Q: What does the future hold for Katie Reininger?

Reininger: I think the future is very bright, because as an athlete for K-State we have many opportunities after college. I have no idea what I'm going to do yet. Kansas has grown on me so I might stay here, I don't know if I'll go back to Colorado. I really want to write and illustrate my own children's book so that's a long-term goal.









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Last week, I started checking items off my "To do before I graduate" list with a ride on a tandem bike. Today, I am officially able to check off another one: geocaching.

I say "officially" because this was the first time that I personally found a geocache, despite having participated in the activity before. In prior attempts, I have always been bested by nature, my own patience or by a fellow searcher.

Even though geocaches can be found all over the world, including Manhattan, it seems not many people had ever geocached before. Jessica Dickens, senior in music education, said she believed geocaching was an activity in which "you pick up rocks and take them somewhere to get money."

Dana Kilbride, senior in elementary education, similarly knew very little about geocaching, though her guess was a bit closer to the truth.

"(Geocaching is) a treasure hunt set up by adventurous people for other adventurous people to find," Kilbride said.

Laura Wallace, 2014 K-State alumna, guessed the closest to the actual definition, with, "it is a worldwide scavenger hunt based on GPS coordinates."

According to Geocaching.com, the definition of geocaching is "a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the geocache (container) hidden at that location."

Jamie Teixeira, senior in English, and I began our geocaching adventure by searching for nearby containers on Geocaching.com. With every geocache, players are typically provided with the difficulty and terrain rating, a hint that is often encrypted, a decryption key and GPS coordinates of the hidden container.

The first geocache Teixeira and I searched for was titled Bluemont Bell. The difficulty and terrain are both one star out of five, an easy hunt.

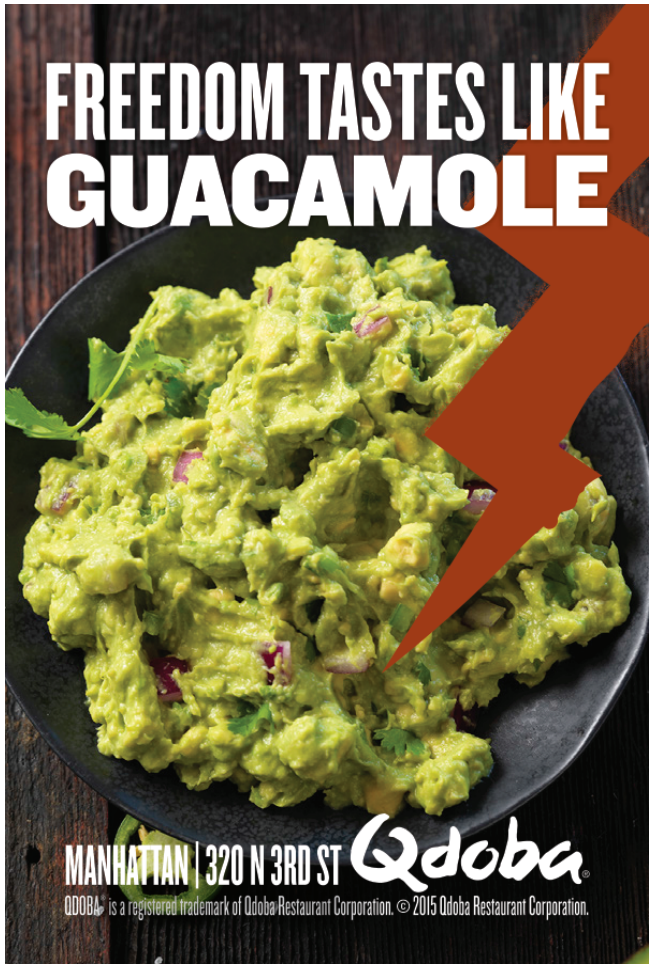


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A geocache near the Bluemont Bell on Monday contains the dates and names of those who have found it. Many different geocaches exist in Manhattan, including many on K-State's campus.

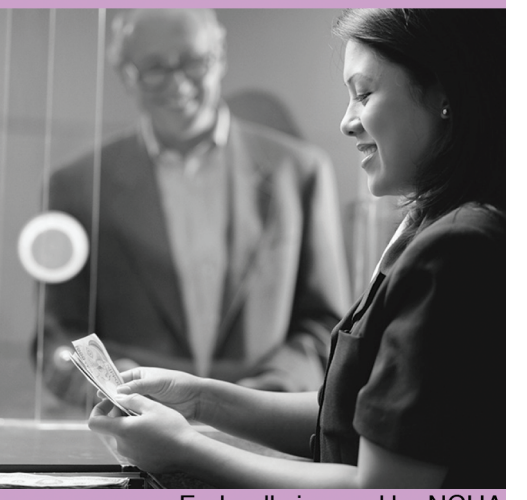
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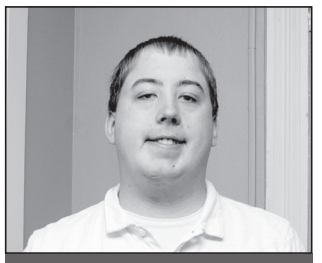
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Resisting the beautification of college basketball



TIMOTHY EVERSON
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>> "Preserving the legacy of college basketball is more important than dynasties or blue-bloods dining on the essence of the weak."

In 2006, Bob Huggins restarted the heart of a K-State basketball program that had been so devoid of life for so long; the world had forgotten that, at one time, K-State was a force to be reckoned with.

Huggins transformed the identity of K-State basketball into a tough, physically-minded team that maybe could out-talent the guys on the other end of the court, but could and did out-tough and out-work those guys.

His disciple, Frank Martin, took it one step further by creating a rough and tough, angry, nasty basketball culture that so many K-State fans latched onto.

Meanwhile, Huggins brought his brand of basketball back to his homeland in the hills of West Virginia where he cultivated teams that won and wore you out with their physical play and sheer tenacity.

"Press Virginia" was what the media dubbed them last year after a year of having one of the best, most exciting defenses to watch in college basketball.

It might not have been pretty but then again, when in the world did Little Miss Sunshine pageants start taking place on basketball courts?

There are teams that play pretty. Their fundamentals are sound, passes crisp, jump shots landed, but after a while, you kind of want to take out Madden and put in NFL Blitz.

Opposing coaches don't like it. They call it "bad basketball."

The NCAA doesn't like it and in May, their rules committee descended down from their cloud to introduce more safe guards to make sure that basketball stayed "pretty" and in "TV shape."

They're swapping out cookies for kale, whiskey for cucumber water, and all of your old Ninja Turtle tapes for "The Little Mermaid ... 2."

Is this hyperbole, probably ... a little bit ... yeah. But at the same, with the NCAA adding these new restrictions on more physical play and the added provisos to make offense able to move more clearly shows a clear agenda of wanting "ugly" basketball to go the way of the short shorts and the peach basket.

If this is the superior way of playing basketball, then why would the NCAA want to be doing this? If physicality is good for the game, then why limit it?

Teams that are good at being physical can muck up good teams best laid intentions of pretty basketball.

On Monday, the Big 12 coaches had their summer teleconference and when asked about the new rules, only K-State head coach Bruce Weber, Texas Tech head coach Tubby Smith and Huggins had comments that weren't glowing in reference to the new rule change.

Weber said he felt like it wasn't going to affect anything and thus, why do it?

"My big question is, will it really help that much?" Weber said in the teleconference. "When they experimented with the shorter shot clock in the NIT, it only increased it 1.2 points per game."

Smith echoed Weber sentiments that the change might be unnecessary, because it's the players not the play that makes the difference.

Only Huggins, like the proverbial cheese, stood alone in his outright indignation of the new rules.

"I thought we had a great game," Huggins said in the teleconference. "I don't know why we're doing what we're doing. I'm puzzled with the infatuation with the NBA. I think we have a better game; it's more pleasing to the eye. The more you reduce the shot clock, the more the teams with great players are gonna win."

Parity is the number one thing that makes college basketball so special. Cinderella is main character on the hardwood, she does not do cameos.

And sometimes, to preserve the parity, you just have to let the camera's cut to commercial so Jackie Moon can yell, "Somebody hit somebody!"... legally ... in a basketball way... then do it.

Preserving the legacy of college basketball is more important than dynasties or blue-bloods dining on the essence of the weak.

Without the physicality, college basketball loses a lot of its soul and its passion.

One coach may have been able to save K-State, but at that point, all of college basketball may be too massive to save.

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Slightly sarcastic horoscopes from Madame LoCoco



Cancer (June 21 - July 22)
Take a good, hard look at your current situation and really consider: is it truly all that bad? You've been griping about it for months on end. Try to consider the alternative: the grass that seems greener from the other side may actually be an endless field of glowing nuclear waste. Given your penchant against foresight, what's really the most likely scenario here?

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)
Take a good, hard look at your current situation and really consider: is it truly all that bad? Try to consider the alternative: the grass that seems greener from the other side may actually be an endless field of glowing nuclear waste. Given your penchant against foresight, what's really the most likely scenario here?

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
It's all fun and games until someone gets their eye poked out. In fact, sometimes it's even more fun after they get their eye poked out, so long as you are on the right end of the sharpened stick. Keep this in mind when your best frenemy asks you to join them in a game of pool this weekend.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22)
Your longing to experience the great outdoors may be quickly quelled when your idyllic nature walk is interrupted by a very persistent horny opossum. The stars suggest you skip the prairie trails and treat yourself to an afternoon at the mall instead.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)
You are often called coldhearted, but since you don't have a heart at all, it's really a compliment of the highest degree. Go ahead and show them just how abhorrent you can really be when you put your mind to it. See if you can outdo yourself – you love a good challenge.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
This week, you will be gripped by an insatiable thirst for knowledge that will only be satisfied after poring over several dozen news sites for the latest info on world affairs. Tragically, by the time you are finished, you head will be crammed with new information, but your your soul will feel empty.

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
You currently have the opportunity to get all indignant over someone whom you feel is paying an inappropriate amount of attention to you, while simultaneously being totally thrilled to be getting any kind of attention at all.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
You can stay up all night studying and preparing Aquarius, but even the most perfunctory facts slips through your brain like a sieve. No matter how much effort you put into whatever it is you're doing, I wouldn't hold my breath for a miraculous success. Good practice is no match for bad genetics.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)
Most people have a driving purpose in life – but not you. As usual, you will spend this week drifting about on the Internet, dreaming plans that have no hope of ever coming to fruition in between watching porn and cat videos. Nobody is interested in your hopeless schemes or your Pinterest boards. Give it up already.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)
In a last-ditch effort to discover where your true talents lie, you will hire a personal life coach. You will pay this person a significant lump sum only to have them inform you that you actually aren't terribly skilled at much of anything. They'll cash your check anyway.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20):
If you hear voices, under no circumstances tell anyone else what they're saying. Excuse yourself and take the conversation somewhere private. Your friends can barely stay awake for your own humdrum diatribes, let alone those of the voices in your head.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20)
You'll go to work on time just as usual, but end up shirking your duties in favor of hanging around the water cooler, pumping your coworkers for the latest gossip, since any inkling of ambition or propriety is completely obscured by your massive appetite for drama.

You deserve a factual look at . . .

BDS, Academic Freedom and Anti-Semitism

Academic boycotts of Israel advocated by BDS supporters not only strangle free expression, they also deny Jewish self-determination.

Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions-sponsored boycotts of Israeli academic institutions tarnish the integrity of any school that stands for academic freedom—the open-minded, tolerant exchange of ideas. Worse, BDS couches its arguments against Israel in half-truths and lies meant to delegitimize the Jewish state.

What are the facts?

Academic freedom is a noble-spirited ideal at the heart of American higher education. Academic freedom thrives on the respectful exchange of ideas in search of truth—even among people who passionately disagree. As such, it depends on unfettered communications that span national, linguistic and ideological borders. Conversely, anyone who attempts to limit the access of the academic community to ideas, research or scholars, no matter their origin or beliefs, is guilty of trampling this precious privilege.

Indeed, the strategies and tactics of the BDS movement have just such a subversive effect on academic freedom. BDS supporters attempt to disrupt speakers with whom they disagree, support their arguments with outright falsehoods, and seek to blacklist innocent Israeli academics because of their nationality. Finally, most egregiously, BDS uses a double standard to single out Israel among all the nations for recrimination.

> "When people criticize Zionists, they mean Jews. You're talking anti-Semitism."
>
> Martin Luther King, Jr.

Does academic freedom support censoring opinions we don't like? BDS advocates have shouted down speeches by the Prime Minister of Israel Ehud Olmert, Israeli Ambassador to the U.S. Michael Oren, Harvard Professor Alan Dershowitz and others, and they routinely disrupt fellow students at Holocaust Memorial and pro-Israel events on campus. Yet preventing speakers from delivering their messages not only violates the tolerant, respectful spirit of academic freedom, it also violates our core First Amendment guarantees of free speech.

Does academic freedom support telling lies or half-truths to argue our point? Under the guise of human rights rhetoric calling for "liberation" of the Palestinian people and an end to Israeli "occupation," BDS proponents recite a litany of alleged Israeli crimes. Perhaps most outrageously, they accuse the Jewish state of apartheid—a bald lie that bears no relationship to the full democratic rights enjoyed by Israel's Arab citizens or even to Palestinians living in the West Bank or Gaza. Likewise, to accuse Israel of "occupation" without mentioning that Israel has been the Jewish homeland for some 3,000 years—or the Palestinian suicide bombers and nearly daily rocket attacks meant to destroy the Jewish state—is intellectually dishonest. While free speech allows anyone to lie, such outright mendacity discredits the worthy tradition of academic freedom.

Does academic freedom support severing our schools from international research and scholarly thought? BDS advocates an academic boycott of Israeli universities and, effectively, of scholars who teach and conduct groundbreaking work there, especially in medicine, the arts and information technology. By boycotting Israeli students and teachers, we deprive our own institutions of the kind of open collaboration that is key to academic freedom. What's more, to punish Israeli academics with pariah status simply because of their nationality, regardless of their political views, is unconscionable.

BDS's use of double-standards, demonization and delegitimization against Israel is anti-Semitic. BDS advocates are quick to assert that "I'm not anti-Semitic, I'm just anti-Zionist." While academic freedom allows everyone to criticize Israel, one also is free to criticize Iran, North Korea, Saudi Arabia or the United States. But BDS does not simply criticize Israel—it criticizes *only* Israel, and moreover it demonizes the Jewish state, calling it a Nazi regime and a slaughterer of children. It attempts to delegitimize Israel, claiming it is occupying Arab territory, thus denying the right of the Jewish people to self-determination. As Martin Luther King, Jr. has noted, "When people criticize Zionists, they mean Jews. You're talking anti-Semitism." Indeed to single out Israel among all nations for a boycott is a double-standard . . . and that is, according to the U.S. State Department, anti-Semitism.

What do the BDS leaders really want? While the U.S., Western European nations, Israel and the U.N. Security Council have embraced a "two-state solution" as the basis for peace between Israel and the Palestinians, BDS leaders, like Ali Abuminah, argue for a one-state solution in which Arabs outnumber Jews. When BDS talks about occupation, it refers not to disputed West Bank territories, but to all of Israel. BDS has consistently opposed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, calling them "collaborationist." No wonder BDS founder Omar Barghouti admits, "If the occupation ends . . . would that end support for BDS? No, it wouldn't—no."

If you support a robust atmosphere of academic freedom, in which all sides are heard and positions are vigorously debated, you must oppose BDS's call for an academic and cultural boycott of Israel. In fact, BDS actions flatly contradict academic freedom, and its insistence on denying the self-determination of the Jewish people in Israel is overtly anti-Semitic.

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Community reactions turn negative as tuition increases

K-State will increase tuition by 3.6 percent, student privilege fees by 2.6 percent this fall

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Tuition for K-State's upcoming academic year will increase by 3.6 percent. Student privilege fees will also rise 2.6 percent. For an in-state, full-time undergraduate, that translates into an additional $157 per semester and $402 for out-of-state students.

The Kansas Board of Regents approved of the tuition increase on June 19. After a lengthy budget debate in Topeka, lawmakers instituted a tuition cap of 2 percent plus an additional percentage based on the 2014 consumer price index for the next two fiscal years.

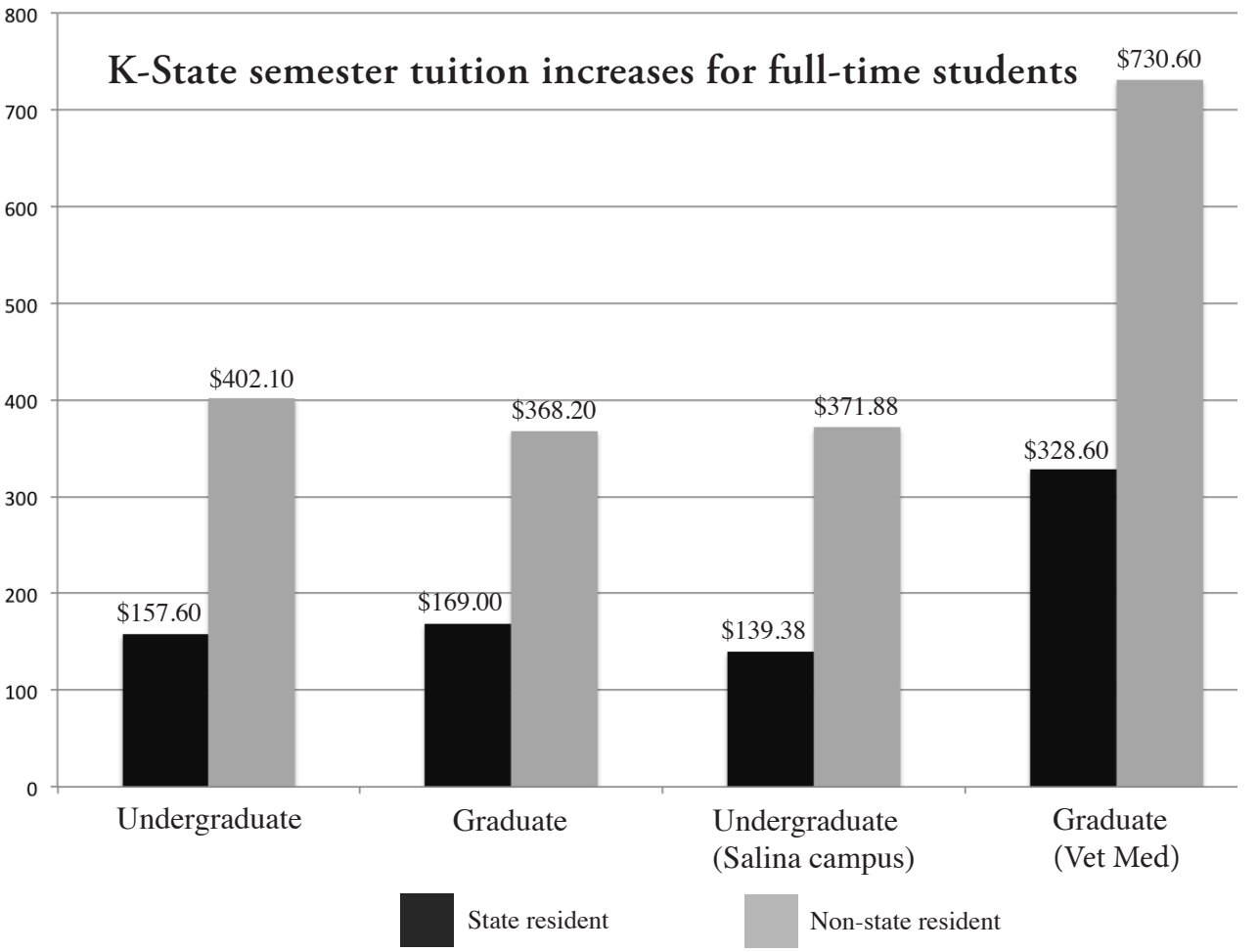
Although some universities tried to increase student fees, those proposals were denied by the board. Kenny Wilk, board chairman, said in a statement that the board translated lawmakers' requests into an overall increase cap, not just tuition.

"While the need for increased resources remains great," Wilk said. "We are asking our higher education leaders to be strategic, knowing we will continue to press the Kansas Legislature to increase funding for public higher education."

In a written statement, President Kirk Schulz said across the board pay raises for faculty and staff would not happen this year due to the tuition cap. Community reaction to the increase has not been positive.

"Ughhhh!" Kelly Ribble, of Manhattan, wrote in a Collegian Facebook posting about the increase. "I have 2 kids in school ... their education will pay off some day, but today this hurts the pocket book."

"I think Sam Brownback should be impeached for trashing the Kansas Educations (sic) System with this 2012 tax cuts and causing a $400+ million deficit this year," Mark Curnutt, K-State alumnus, said in a written statement. "But that's just my personal opinion."



Ethan Erickson, assistant vice president for Budget and Planning, said although the Seaton Hall revitalization project will continue as scheduled, funding for building maintenance dropped.

"We draw upon the educational building fund to help with the cost of repairing our buildings," Erickson said. "We went down from $35 million to $29 million in (fiscal year) 2016. Although it's supposed to go up the next year, anything can happen between now and then."

In addition to the tuition and privilege fee increase, the College of Veterinary Medicine will see a tuition increase of 3 percent. Approval was also given to a College of Human Ecology fee of $20 per credit hour, College of Business Administration tuition surcharge increase of $15 per credit hour and College of Engineering tuition surcharge increase of $15 per credit hour.

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Floods hold far-reaching consequences

Manhattan takes preventative measures for assessing, communicating flood risks

BY EMILY MOORE
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The great flood of May 4, 2015 was big enough to have citizens paddling down the street in kayaks and inflatable pool toys. As much fun as that was, floods can cause some serious damage.

For starters, the excessive rain Manhattan is experiencing recently can cause harvest delays and declines, amongst other problems, with local agriculture.

"The first (problem) is delays in planting because the fields are too wet for people to get into them," Mary Knapp, service climatologist in the department agronomy, said. "The second (problem) that comes into play is that if the crops had been in the ground, then they are in standing water, which limits the development of the root system and makes them more vulnerable to various diseases. The final problem is that there's been difficulty applying some of the pesticides they might normally do, both to control weeds and to control pests."

According to her, the impact at the end of the crop season depends on how the weather continues throughout the season.

"If it turns off dry too quickly, even though technically we are above normal for the moisture, the roots can't grow fast enough to keep up with the declining water channels," Knapp said. "So you can get drought stress even though we may be above normal for the monthly rainfall. If it continues with the wet pattern, with timely rains, we could have some fairly good productions."

If a drought scare like this occurs, the yields for affected farms could lower and, in turn, impact their profit. According to Brian McNulty, operations project manager at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Tuttle Creek Lake, the lakes run off system has affects on where the agricultural damage is.

"Downstream we have not released any water in excess of the rivers channel capacity, so it's improved agricultural conditions downstream," McNulty said.

According to McNulty, some of the water storage happening upstream has caused slightly worse conditions there than in downstream areas and "some of the areas surrounding the lake upstream of the dam have flooded and caused some agricultural damage."

Because of this and other types of damages, Manhattan has to have systems and plans in place in order to control flooding around the city.

"Manhattan was founded between two major rivers and a large creek, so flooding is always an issue," Chad Bunger, senior planner in the Manhattan Community Development Department, said. "It's just a matter of if the conditions are right."

Some of the conditions and factors, according to Bunger, include soil moisture and rainfall. One of the ways that the city helps to control these are by using systems like storm drain systems for water run off.

"Our Public Works Department has quite a bit of infrastructure in place to control (flooding)," Bunger said. "Sometimes the rains just are excessive or variables happen that are beyond our control and flooding happens, but we've got a lot of underground and above ground infrastructures dedicated to dealing with storm water run off."

There are engineers who work to discover the most effective places for things like storm drains to be located.

"Basically, it's engineering calculations of where the water runs off, how much water runs off, elevations of where it makes sense to put storm drains," Bunger said.

This is coupled with another flood management system, the Tuttle Creek Dam. Workers at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Tuttle Creek help to monitor the water level situations and, in turn, help to determine where the water goes.

"When we have heavy rains, we collect and store that excess flood control water in our lake until down stream flow conditions are low enough so that we can make releases without increasing the flooding downstream," McNulty said.

One other mechanism that the city has recently begun to use for flood preparation is the Internet. Within the last two years, a page on the city of Manhattan website has been created to help prepare and inform citizens about flood risks and preparations. The website began because of newly mapped flood planes for the city.

"Where it started was last year and into 2013, we got new flood maps for Riley County and Pottawatomie County and those new flood maps were going to affect a lot of properties," Bunger said.

This means that some properties were being removed from a flood plane, but that others were being added. This can be important information for those in the changing areas as it affects things like flood insurance and also makes those property owners aware of the flood risk, according to Bunger.

The current rain patterns, while potentially damaging, could fall back into a more regular pattern though and could give farmers, citizens and those working flood and water based jobs, a break.

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Locals' main Manhattan locations

City residents share their favorite local hangouts



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Harry's is located in Poyntz Avenue's former Wareham Hotel.

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At about 39 degrees North latitude and 96 degrees West longitude lies the modest city of Manhattan. For some, the city might feel like a temporary home; a place they'll have to say goodbye to all too soon once graduation rolls around. Others, however, decide to put down their roots and get comfortable in this city. In doing so, they often discover what makes Manhattan what it is: a great place to live.

Harry's

The restaurant Harry's is located downtown in what used to be the Wareham Hotel on Poyntz Avenue. According to its website, Harry's is "Manhattan's premier fine dining establishment" known for its "classic-contemporary cuisine."

Harry's offers a wide culinary selection, from fancy food like filet mignon to fun dishes like chicken with shrimp fried rice.

While the prices may be higher than at most restaurants around town, Heidi Hilton, director of Bates Dance Studio, said she believes that the high prices are worth it.

"(I) love the quality for price of Harry's," Hilton said.

The restaurant, however, also prides itself on its service. The website said in addition to popularity for its food, Harry's is also known for its "gracious service."

Rock-A-Belly Deli

While Harry's restaurant offers an upscale dining experience, locals love Rock-A-Belly Deli for its low profile and friendly atmosphere.

"I think my favorite place in Manhattan is Rock-A-Belly," Amber Briggs, senior in social science, said. "It's a great local restaurant where everyone is always so friendly."

Rock-A-Belly Deli opened in 1987 and is located in Aggieville. The restaurant is home to a small kitchen and seating, but guests don't seem to mind the wait.

Flint Hills Discovery Center

The Flint Hills Discovery Center, built in 2012 with the help of the community, has the goal of educating everyone about the "importance of the geology, ecology and cultural history of the Flint Hills."

"The Discovery Center is fun and educational for the whole family," Hilton said.

According to the website, the Discover Center is a "family-focused, informal learning center (that) explores the science and history of the Flint Hills and the ongoing role of Kansans to act as stewards for this diverse and ecologically complex place."

"I like the Discovery Center," Deana Foster, administrative assistant for the Department of Agricultural Economics, said. "(It's) a cool place to explore and learn stuff about our community and the Flint Hills."

Tuttle Creek State Park

After learning all about the Flint Hills, a visit to Tuttle Creek State Park allows for the opportunity to experience the area firsthand.

According the website, Tuttle Creek State Park has numerous biking and hiking trails that "offer explorers a variety of routes to experience the aesthetic Flint Hills environment."

From fishing to swimming, Tuttle Creek State Park has it all. The park offers several cabins and camping sites for family and friends to enjoy, as well as a brand new archery range.

"I love Tuttle Creek Lake," Foster said. "It's so relaxing to just find a place to sit and watch the water, whether it's a fishing spot or the open tubes gushing out geysers."

City Park

At City Park, the people of Manhattan to enjoy several outdoors activities without traveling all the way to Tuttle Creek.

City Park is located near both Aggieville and downtown Manhattan. According to Manhattan's website, the approximately 45-acre park is "one of the oldest parks in the community."

"City Park is my favorite place," Ann Knackendoffel, assistant professor of special education counseling and student affairs, said. "There is always a lot going on, and people of all ages hang out there."

The park is host to many different facilities, including the Jon and Ruth Ann Wefald Pavilion and GTM Family Center, baseball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts and a splash park to name a few. Foster said she enjoys going to the park for her grandchildren's baseball games.

"It was so much fun to watch them learning how to play baseball, while people were walking their dogs or exercising on the sidewalk around the park, or enjoying the pool or the splash park," Foster said. "And on certain dates, there's music in the air at the Larry Norvell Band Shelter."

Home

Even though the town is filled with things to do, from Harry's to Rock-A-Belly Deli and Flint Hills Discovery Center to City Park, there is just something about Manhattan itself that warms the heart.

"(I) love our home, because it's where family can truly be ourselves freely," Hilton said.

In a town full of tourists and college students that come and go as the years pass, the cliche statement "home is where the heart is" fits perfectly into the local's idea of Manhattan.

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The coded hint reads "Ybbx pybfr vg znl or uvqqra va gur ohfurf" and when it is paired with its key the result reads, "Look close it may be hidden in the bushes." The coordinates are N 39° 11.396,W 096° 34.772.

We quickly found the "Bluemont Bell" capsule and signed our names on the little slip of paper inside. The rewarding feeling after perseverance and puzzle-solving is incredible. Geocaching is now one of my favorite hobbies, and is a great free activity to do with friends!

After learning more about geocaching, Wallace, Dickens and Kilbride said they would love to try it sometime.

"I always grew up on adventure stories, so (geocaching is) kind of like having your own adventure," Kilbride said.

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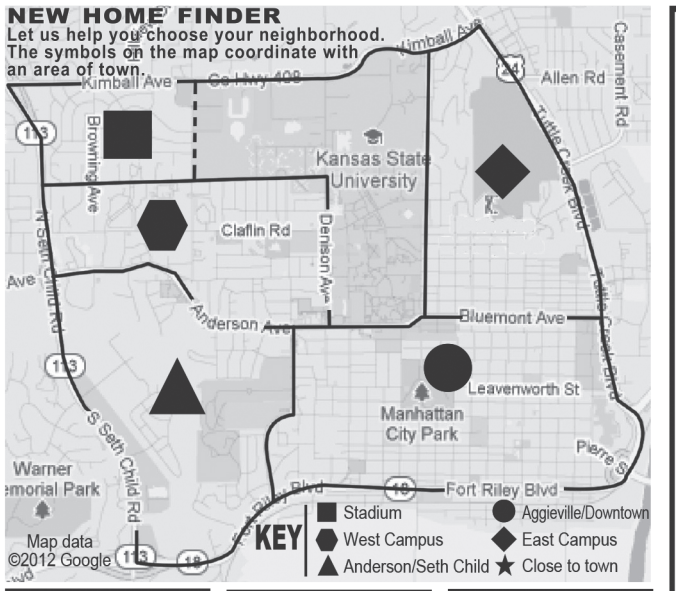
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MOVIE REVIEW

'SHAWSHANK REDEMPTION'

Classic film review by Jonathan Greig

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I have maybe seen five movies in my lifetime (all numbers approximate). I hated "The Avengers," and loved "In Bruges." I'm not exactly sure why, but I just have never been a movie-watcher. I have quite a few TV shows I enjoy, so maybe it has to do with the time commitment.

Anyway, I'm trying to expand my horizons; give some classic films a shot and maybe, just maybe, catch a cultural reference now and again. So, without further ado, this is a review series of iconic films from someone who knows nothing about movies.

For this week, I watched "The Shawshank Redemption."

Let's keep this simple, and do a best and worst list of aspects of the film. I've heard great things, so let's dive in.

Best opening music: jazz. If you want your movie to be iconic, you had better start with some slow jazz.

Worst use of a gavel: convicting an innocent man to jail. Followed by breaking open a peanut (which a friend of mine did in high school with a stolen gavel from drama club), and then convicting a guilty man to jail.

Best characters named "Red:" Red from Shawshank Redemption. Some great lines in this movie, most of which I cannot repeat here.

Worst narrator: Morgan Freeman. I mean, I get it. But come on, Shawshank, have some originality.

Best first sip: a cold contraband beer after working hot tar on a prison roof, given to you by your tyrant guard. Even sweeter still to have also not been savagely thrown from said roof by said guard.

Worst hobby: geology. No, no it does not rock. Please stop saying such things, and please stop making me listen to you saying such things.

Best inappropriate prison opera: "The Marriage of Figaro." I've always been partial to "The Barber of Seville." If you can't get your hands on a jazz record in your movie, this will do in a pinch.

Worst fashion sense: those fine shoes do not work with a jumpsuit. Sorry, honey.

Best hobby: geology.

Best shot: Andy Dufresne, arms held to the pouring heavens, after just escaping from his wrongful sentence. Incredibly cinematic, and moving.

The absolute best: the patience, hope, strength and redemption shown in this movie. I give it four stars, you all should really go see it.

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